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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS:

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION AGAINST

IMPORTS OF AIR CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS.

REF: (A) CANBERRA 2155.

(B) CANBERRA 2050.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTIFICATION FROM
DEPARTMENT OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (DMI) OF LOCAL
INDUSTRY REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS
OF ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS, BOTH
DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR USE WITHOUT DUCTING AND WHICH FALL
WITHIN AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF ITEMS 84.12.000, 84.59.920,
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85.06.900. U.S. IS SIGNIFICANT SUPPLIER TO THIS MARKET, SECOND

ONLY TO JAPAN, AS SHOWN IN FOLLOWING TABLE (US SHARE IN PAREN.):

FY63 FY74 FY75 THROUGH JAN.

A. ITEM 84.12.000

TOTAL IMPORTS (DOLS A) 1,601,635 7,257,973 17,594,520

IMPORTS FROM US 267,742 1,950,889 6,455,754

(16.7) (26.9) (36.7)

B. ITEM 84.59.920

TOTAL IMPORTS (A DOLS) 16,058,711 10,694,415 116,195

IMPORTS FROM US 4,393,310 3,542,173 106,528

(27.4) (33.1) (91.7)

C. ITEM 85.06.900

STATISTICS NOT AVAILABLE, NEW ITEM.

2. AS IN CASE OF NON-TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS (REF B)

U.S. EXPORTERS AND THEIR AUSTRALIAN AGENTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THIS REQUEST. DMI WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO RECOMMEND REFERRAL TO TAA BY MAY 4, BUT INTERSTED PARTIES MAY PRESENT THEIR CASES UP TO AT LEAST 30 DAYS THEREAFTER. WE SUGGEST USDOC ALERT EXPORTERS IN U.S., AND CONSULAR POSTS ANY INTERESTED IMPORT AGENTS THEIR CONSULAR DISTRICTS.

3. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT DURING FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF FY 75 IMPORTS OF ITEM 81.59.920 (EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, APPARENTLY COMPONENTS OF AIR CONDITIONERS) HAVE VIRTUALLY CEASED. THUS QUESTION ARISES OF NEED FOR PROTECTION OF ANY SORT AGAINST IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM, WHICH WE ARE SURE INTERESTED PARTIES WILL RAISE.

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